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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A user registration supporting system which supports a user, who uses a multi-component product including a plurality of products provided by a plurality of companies, in applying for user registration for the plurality of products, said system comprising:
 - a user-information database which stores user information including a plurality of data items;
 - a user-information providing section which provides said user-information database with the user information; and
 - a to-be-registered information generating section which receives individualized specification information from each of the plurality of companies from a plurality of company terminals which are connected through a network and used by the respective companies, the individualized specification information received from each company specifying at least one data item required for user registration, extracts at least one data item specified by each individualized ~~the~~ specification information[[],] from the user information stored in said user-information database, and generates to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies for user registration based on the individualized specification information received for each company, and

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wherein said system can generate the to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies at once, based on the user information.

2. (*Previously Presented*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 1, further comprising

a company-information database which stores the specification information, and wherein said to-be-registered information generating section generates the to-be-registered information, based on the specification information of each of the plurality of companies which is stored in said company-information database.

3. (*Previously Presented*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2, further comprising a user registration section which registers the to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies.

4. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2, wherein said to-be-registered information generating section detects that new user information is stored in said user-information database, and generates to-be-registered information from the new user information.

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5. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 4, wherein:

said user information includes identification information for identifying the multi-component product used by the user;

said company-information database stores information regarding the plurality of companies providing the products according to multi-component product; and

said to-be-registered information generating section specifies the plurality of companies providing each of the products used by the user, from the information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in said company-information database, based on the identification information included in the user information, and generates the to-be-registered information according to product.

6. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 5, wherein:

each of said plurality of companies is a seller or manufacturer of each of the products included in the multi-component product used by the user;

the identification information is information regarding a model name and/or model number of the multi-component product; and

said to-be-registered information generating section specifies a seller or manufacturer for providing each of the products, from the information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in said company-information database, based on the information regarding the model name and/or model number of the multi-component product.

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7. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 5, comprising a communications section which is connected, through a network, to a plurality of company terminals used respectively by the plurality of companies providing the plurality of products, and sends the to-be-registered information generated by said to-be-generated information generating section to each of the company terminals.

8. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 7, wherein:
said communications section is connected to a user terminal which is used by the user through a network, and receives the user information from the user terminal; and
said user-information providing section provides said user-information database with the user information which is received by said communications section.

9. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2, wherein:
the user information is correction information which is formed by correcting the user information stored in said user-information database;
said to-be-registered information generating section extracts an item which differs from an item included in the user information stored in the user-information database, from the correction information, specifies a company requesting the extracted item for the user registration, based on the specification information stored in said company-information database, and newly generates to-be-registered information for the specified company.

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10. (*Previously Presented*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2, wherein:

the user information includes information regarding a product demanded by the user;
said company-information database stores information regarding a product provided by a company;

said to-be-registered information generating section extracts at least one company which can provide the product demanded by the user from said company-information database, based on the information regarding the product demanded by the user, and generates the to-be-registered information based on the specification information of the extracted company, and wherein said system includes

a communications section which is connected to a plurality of company terminals used by the respective companies and to a user terminal used by the user through a network, receives the user information from the user terminal, sends the information regarding the product demanded by the user and the to-be-registered information to a company terminal used by the company extracted by said to-be-registered information generating section, and sends, to the user terminal, information designating at least one company which the to-be-registered information generating section extracted and the information sent to the company terminal.

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11. (*Currently Amended*) A method for supporting a user, who uses a multi-component product including a plurality of products provided by a plurality of companies, in applying for user registration for the plurality of products, said method comprising:

storing user information including a plurality of data items;
receiving individualized specification information from each of the plurality of companies from a plurality of company terminals which are connected through a network and used by the respective companies, the individualized specification information received from each company specifying at least one data item required for user registration; and
extracting at least one data item specified by each individualized the specification information from the stored user information, and generating to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies for user registration based on the individualized specification information received for each company, thereby to generate the to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies at once, based on the user information.

12. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 11, wherein said generating includes generating the to-be-registered information based on specification information stored in a company-information database.

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13. (*Original*) The method according to claim 12, further comprising registering the to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies.

14. (*Original*) The method according to claim 12, wherein said generating includes detecting that new user information is stored in a user-information database, and generating to-be-registered information from the new user information.

15. (*Original*) The method according to claim 14, wherein:
said user information includes identification information for identifying the multi-component product used by the user;
the company-information database stores information regarding the plurality of companies providing the products according to multi-component product; and
said generating includes
specifying the plurality of companies providing each of the products included in the multi-component product used by the user, from the information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in the company-information database, based on the identification information included in the user information, and generating to-be-registered information according to product.

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16. (*Original*) The method according to claim 15, wherein:

each of the plurality of companies is a seller or manufacturer of each of the products included in the multi-component product used by the user;
the identification information is information regarding a model name and/or model number of the multi-component product; and
said generating includes
specifying a seller or manufacturer for providing each of the products, from the information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in the company-information database, based on the information regarding the model name and/or model number of the multi-component product.

17. (*Original*) The method according to claim 15, further comprising sending the to-be-registered information which is generated by said generating to a plurality of company terminals which are used respectively by the plurality of companies providing the products, through a network.

18. (*Currently Amended*) The method according to claim 17, further comprising receiving the user information from a user terminal used by the user through a network, and wherein said storing includes providing the user-information database with the user information which is received from the user terminal~~by said receiving~~.

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19. (*Original*) The method according to claim 12, wherein:

the user information is correction information which is formed by correcting the user information stored in the user-information database; and

said generating includes

extracting at least one data item which differs from a data item included in the user information stored in the user-information database, from the correction information,

specifying at least one company which requests the extracted at least one data item for user registration, based on the specification information stored in the company-information database, and

newly generating to-be-registered information for the specified at least one company.

20. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 12, wherein:

the user information includes information regarding a product demanded by the user;

the company-information database stores information regarding a product provided by a company; and

said generating includes

extracting at least one company which can provide the product demanded by the user from the company-information database, based on the information regarding the product demanded by the user, and generates the to-be-registered information based on the extracted specification information of the extracted company,

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receiving user information from a user terminal used by the user through a network,

sending the information regarding the product demanded by the user and the to-be-registered information to a company terminal used by the company extracted by said generating, through a network, and

sending, to the user terminal, information designating at least one company which has been extracted and the information sent to the company terminal.

21. (*Currently Amended*) A computer readable recording medium which records a program for controlling a computer to execute:

storing user information including a plurality of data items regarding a user who uses a multi-component product including a plurality of products provided by a plurality of companies;

receiving individualized specification information from each of the plurality of companies from a plurality of company terminals which are connected through a network and used by the respective companies, the individualized specification information received from each company specifying at least one data item required for user registration; and

extracting a data item specified by each individualized the specification information from the stored user information, and generating to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies for user registration at once, based on the individualized specification information received for each company.